

H.M.'s Ambassador at  
 Rome, setting forth in  
 detail the modifications  
 desired by the Italian  
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 The copy of despatch from Paris enclosing  
 Note from the French Minister for F.A. stating that  
 the French Govt is not yet in a position to express a  
 definite opinion on proposal for raising the limit of  
 weight at which tusks may be traded and proposing a  
 commission for preparation of measures which  
 the various administrations could jointly apply.  
 Requests observations.

*W. R. Read  
 W. Holtzman*

Probably just a device to  
 enable the French to put up  
 more obstruction. But  
 the matter is one which Mr.  
 Read should deal with on his  
 return.

*Accel*

*WRS 27/9/13  
 WRS 25/9/13*

*Dr. G. Zeller*  
 This matter has already dropped  
 on for nearly 3 years. The French proposal of  
 an international commission offers some prospect  
 (although a very faint one) of arriving at

had better accept it. If it is decided  
to do so, they had better meet in London  
as soon as possible, so that advantage

may be taken of Mr. Woodman's presence  
in the country (see file). London is the  
best place for the meeting as the

first international game left was held  
there in 1900. The Convention which was  
the dream of remains unratified by the

Int. Council & the League about women!  
Write to the I.O. in the name of the League  
& ask them to approach the Convention Int. Council

if they can.

28/9/13

I don't think that anything will  
come of it, but we may as well do so.

26.9.13

Wm. Lawson  
W. O. W.

27.9.13

See p 88  
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In any further communication on this subject, please quote  
No. *12120/13*  
and address—  
The Under-Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
London.



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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary of State, transmits herewith ~~copy of the under-mentioned paper.~~

for observations. *copy of a despatch from*

Foreign Office,  
September 27, 1913.

Reference to previous letter:  
Colonial office 18204. Sept 12. \*

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Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date. Subject.

*Sr A. Bertie  
(Paris)  
dated Sept. 15.  
respecting*

*Elephant's tusks;  
proposed limitation  
in weight in trading  
in Africa.*

\* Reminder.

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September 10, 1913.

Africa  
No 6.

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Sir,

I have the honour, with reference to my Despatch No 26 Africa of May 25th last, to transmit to you herewith copy of a Note from the French Minister for Foreign Affairs respecting the proposal for raising the limit of weight at which elephant tusks may be traded in.

Monsieur Fichon states that the French administration is not yet in a position to express a definite opinion, and he proposes that a commission should meet, not for the purpose of drawing up a Convention entailing international obligations, but for preparing the adoption of measures which the administrations of the various colonies concerned could jointly apply.

Monsieur Fichon wishes to be informed whether His Majesty's Government approve of this suggestion, and if so, how they propose that it should be carried into effect.

I have the honour to be with great truth and respect,

Sir,

your most obedient, humble servant,

The Right Honourable,

Sir Edward Grey Bart., K.C., M.P.,

Etc., etc., etc.

(Signature) Francis Bertie

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Monsieur Pichon le Sir François Bertie.

Paris, le 13 Septembre, 1913.

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur

Par une lettre du 25 Mai dernier, Votre Excellence a bien voulu m'exprimer le désir de savoir si le gouvernement de la République était actuellement à même d'adopter la proposition du gouvernement britannique tendant à fixer un minimum au poids des défenses d'éléphant pouvant être exportées hors d'Afrique.

J'ai le regret de vous faire connaître que l'administration française compétente n'a pu encore donner un avis définitif à ce sujet. La protection des éléphants en Afrique soulève en effet des questions assez complexes. Le gouvernement de la République a pensé que les divers gouvernements intéressés voudraient peut-être participer à l'étude de ces questions. J'ai donc l'honneur de vous proposer la réunion d'une commission qui serait chargée non pas d'élaborer une convention entraînant des obligations d'ordre international, mais de préparer l'adoption de mesures que les administrations des diverses colonies intéressées prendraient de concert en vue d'atteindre plus sûrement leur but commun.

Je vous saurais gré de vouloir bien me faire savoir si le gouvernement britannique donne son approbation à ce projet et dans quelles conditions il lui paraîtrait expédient d'en poursuivre la réalisation.

Agréer les assurances etc,

(signed) S. Pichon.

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DOWNING STREET,  
4 October 1913.

DRAFT.

DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE,  
FOREIGN OFFICE.

Sir,

MINUTE.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary

Mr. Downie 28.9.13.

Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of

Mr. Bottomley. 29.9.13.

your letter (32986) of the 22nd of

Mr. Read. 1 Oct.

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September, with its enclosures, res-

Sir H. Just.

pecting the attitude of the French

Sir J. Anderson. 1/10

Government towards the proposal for

Lord Emmott.

raising the limit of weight of elephant

Mr. Harcourt. 4.3.10.13

tusks for trading purposes in Africa.

for consideration.

2. Mr. Harcourt considers that

the proposal of the French Government

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for the appointment of an international

commission offers some prospect of agree-

ment, and should be accepted.

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3. If the other Powers concerned are also willing to accept the proposal, London would appear to be indicated as the most suitable place for the meeting of the Commission, as the first International Game Conference was held here in 1900.

4. It would be desirable that arrangements should be made for the Commission to meet at as early a date as possible, as Mr. Woosnam, the Game Warden of the East Africa Protectorate and a high authority on matters relating to Big Game, is on his way to this country on leave of absence for 6 or 7 months and his wide knowledge and experience would be of great value to the Commission.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) H. J. READ  
for the Under Secretary of State.